

Proclamation

WHEREAS: under the distinguished leadership of Thurgood Marshall, now a Supreme Court Justice, and its present Director-Counsel, Jack Greenberg, the naacp Legal Defense Fund has been fighting to end racial segregation and to promote Constitutional rights since 1939; and

WHEREAS: the work of the Legal Defense Fund reaches beyond race and poverty issues; and

WHEREAS: in 1954, the Legal Defense Fund represented the NAACP in the great school desegregation battle, Brown vs Board of Education, only one of many significant victories; and

WHEREAS: the Legal Defense Fund has been the legal arm of the civil rights movement since its inception; and

WHEREAS: the current program of the Legal Defense Fund is directed principally for the benefit of those who have been denied equal employment, education and protection under the law; and

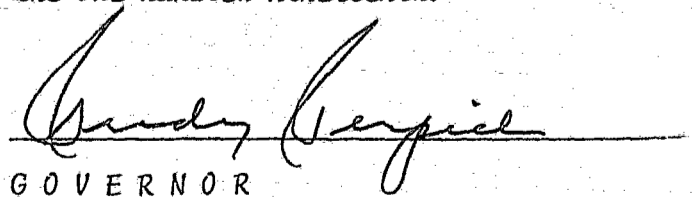
WHEREAS: the Minnesota Steering Committee for the naacp Legal Defense and Education Fund is sponsoring its first major money-raising event for the LDF in nine years with a Black and White Ball in Minneapolis on Saturday, May 7, 1977;


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1977 as

naacp LEGAL DEFENSE FUND MONTH

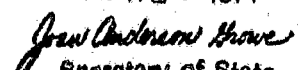
in Minnesota, to commemorate the naacp's Legal Defense Fund's role as a leader in the national struggle for civil rights for 38 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-seventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and of the State the one hundred nineteenth.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE

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